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Applicant: A. H. Marquez
Assignee: Expense Management Inc.
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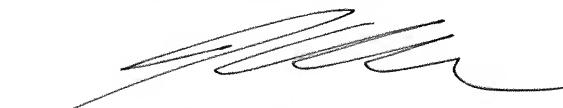
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 21, 2006, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement to election of invention for the above-referenced application, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention as in Group I, Claims 1-19 drawn to a vending apparatus, without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,


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